

REMARKS

Independent claims 1, 21, and 32 have been amended to include subject matter that was indicated as allowable. For example, claims 1 and 32 have been amended to include the subject matter of claims 7 and 33, respectively. Likewise, claim 21 was amended to include the subject matter of claim 22. As such, claims 1, 21, and 32 and claims dependent thereon are in condition for allowance.

Claim 11 was amended to recite causing an oxide which is different from a dielectric to form on the dielectric, at least a portion of the dielectric to remain between said substrate and said oxide as part of a functional structure. Yao's coating layer 2 has low adhesion characteristics and is entirely removed after the metal oxide is deposited. Column 5, lines 62-66; column 6, lines 42-43. Thus, Yao's coating layer 2 merely acts as a means to pattern a film of metal oxide. Column 2, lines 10-13. Because Yao fails to disclose every limitation of amended claim 11, Yao does not anticipate claim 11 or claims dependent thereon.

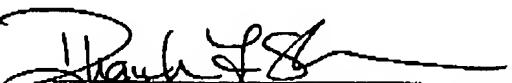
CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. The examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

The commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (ITL.1024US).

Respectfully submitted,

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